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JACK-PINE BUDWORM EARLY INSTAR LARVAL SURVEY ON THE CHIPPEWA N.F.
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INTRODUCTION

The jack-pine budworm is a perennial pest of jack and red pine in the Lake States. The damage from defoliation results in growth reduction, top-kill, or tree mortality, depending on the severity of defoliation.

Predictions of budworm outbreaks and defoliation have been inaccurate. To improve the predictions, annual evaluation surveys were inaugurated to determine the following:

1. To determine the degree of budworm population fluctuations during pre-outbreak periods.
2. To determine the effect of previous pine defoliation on the budworm populations.
3. To determine how much defoliation occurs from a given larval population.

This report covers the results of early larval collections made in June, 1969, and compares the populations with egg survey results from the previous fall.

METHODS

The detailed sampling plans are described in the original evaluation plan (Millers, 1968). In general, it follows the techniques described by Foltz et al., 1968. Briefly, 4 branches are sampled from each of 10 trees (2 from mid-crown and 2 from lower crown) in a cluster at preselected locations. During egg survey in fall, 36 inch long branches were examined. For larval surveys, 18 inch long branches are sampled. Summer Students, FPC, and a crew at the Toumey Nursery, Watersmeet, Michigan, were responsible for branch examination. The results are expressed as number of budworms (or eggs) per 100 shoots (current growth tips) per plot. More than 40 budworms per 100 tips can be expected to cause heavy defoliation.



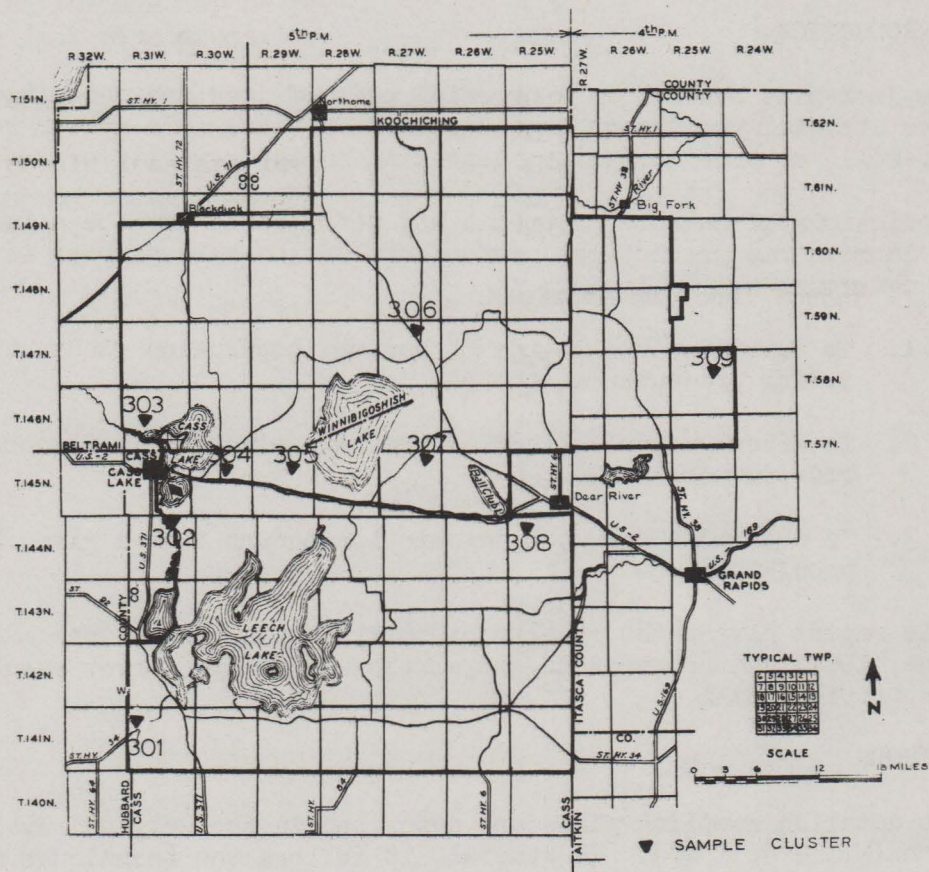
RESULTS

Table 1 shows the budworm populations for each plot during the fall egg survey and the current larval populations. Map 1 shows the plot locations on the Chippewa National Forest.

No jack pine defoliation is expected from the jack-pine budworm.

TABLE I. JACK-PINE BUDWORM POPULATIONS ON THE
CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

CLUSTER No.	FALL, 1968 Eggs/100 tips	SPRING, 1969 Larvae/100 tips
301	0	0.69
302	0	0
303	1	1.71
304	0	0
305	9	0
306	4	1.10
307	0	0.11
308	0	0.30
309	0	0



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